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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 1,375,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2010, down 2 percent from March 1, 2010, but up 3 percent from April 1, 2009. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 600,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month, but up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 775,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from both last month and last year.

Placements during March totaled 139,000 head, down 7 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 77,000 head, down 1 percent from last month, but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head. This is down 13 percent from last month, but up 13 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 164,000 head, up 15 percent from last month and up 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 84,000 head, up 29 percent from last month and up 27 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 3 percent

from last month and up 11 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

**United States:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 485,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

**All Cattle on Feed, Iowa**

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2010	610	795	1,405
March Placements	77	62	139
March Marketings	84	80	164
March Other Disappearance	3	2	5
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2010	600	775	1,375

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle on Feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	330	278	84	24	20	83	35	27	77	1	1	100
California	445	440	99	48	47	98	60	51	85	3	6	200
Colorado	1,040	930	89	165	185	112	155	190	123	10	5	50
Idaho	210	205	98	26	34	131	30	23	77	1	1	100
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>300</b>
Kansas	2,280	2,240	98	395	440	111	395	410	104	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,320	2,290	99	360	380	106	365	430	118	5	10	200
New Mexico	137	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	(D)	2	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	330	340	103	68	64	94	66	77	117	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	235	104	46	42	91	44	45	102	2	2	100
Texas	2,810	2,640	94	510	490	96	510	485	95	10	15	150
Washington	160	171	107	35	32	91	27	28	104	1	1	100
Other States	345	400	(X)	44	46	(X)	52	52	(X)	2	4	(X)
United States	11,162	10,769	96	1,808	1,857	103	1,824	1,902	104	50	60	120

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Comparison to past year is not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots  
by Quarter, State, and United States, 2009-2010**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	April 1, 2009	January 1, 2010	April 1, 2010	April 1, 2009	January 1, 2010	April 1, 2010	April 1, 2009	January 1, 2010	April 1, 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Arizona	329	285	275	1	2	3	0	0	0
California	400	410	360	45	53	80	0	2	0
Colorado	670	650	630	365	355	295	5	5	5
Idaho	103	120	122	97	90	82	10	5	1
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Kansas	1,190	1,250	1,190	1,085	990	1,045	5	10	5
Nebraska	1,400	1,440	1,410	910	910	870	10	10	10
New Mexico	72	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	(D)	0	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	190	220	190	140	145	150	0	0	0
South Dakota	125	115	125	85	92	93	15	28	17
Texas	1,780	1,650	1,610	1,028	1,029	1,029	2	1	1
Washington	90	94	101	69	71	69	1	1	1
Other States	255	263	274	87	141	125	3	1	1
United States	6,984	6,877	6,707	4,127	4,068	4,021	51	63	41

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